





Whig and Courier.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1889.

As Secretary of State Mr. Blaine would hardly be reckless enough to undertake to repudiate a single important act of his predecessor.

The Mugwumps who have worshipped the humbug saint of civil service reform, say the country a larger number of changes have been made by Cleveland than by any other President since 1860, when the record of changes began.

If the Arkansas Legislature would pass fewer immigration resolutions and more measures that would make trepidulous like the election of a President a career, the State would stand a better chance of increasing its population.

The New York World is still talking of a grand non-sense about Col. Dudley. Our contemporary should cool off. The Democratic conspirators in Maine, having made a ridiculous failure in their attempt to secure an indictment against Col. Dudley, the venom poured out daily in the columns of the World shows that it was not justice it was seeking, but revenge for party defeat.

The "harmony" between Sherman, Parker and Miller, Phil and Miller, Quay and Cannon, Blaine and Edmunds, will be of the Dunsmuir variety. There is no more in the air.

Our Democratic contemporary talked of a similar grain prior to the election and ridiculed the lack of Republican success. There was harmony enough in the party, however, to wipe out Grover Cleveland and a Democratic majority in the House.

That was very good, as a starter and we incline to the opinion that the party will pull through in spite of the World's dubious predictions, which do not appear to afford our contemporary that degree of happiness one might expect if it believed in its own assertions. It is simply talking to keep up its courage, but the effort is not brilliant success.

Representative Robie has presented a bill to prevent bribery in elections providing that any election on request of two or more legal voters of this voting precinct the official presiding shall request any person designated by said two or more legal voters, to make oath or affirmation before casting his ballot, that he has neither received, offered to receive, or expects to receive, or has offered to give a bribe, or payment of any kind, for any vote to be cast at that election. This might answer if it were possible to force this truth from a man, but any man who would sell his vote would not hesitate to lie about it even under oath it does not seem as though anything would be gained by such a law.

Portland not only wanted to monopolize the hearing last week but since over with a special train to storm the Capital again Monday night. The Portlanders will have lots of fun and a free ride or two, if the Lewiston Journal is correctly informed. But the Capital will be a different place when the hearing is moved from the Kennebec. At the hearing Monday night Capt. Otto Michaelis, of the United States Army, was called and stated that he had made a careful computation of the center of population by the method adopted by the Superintendent of Census of the Interior Department at Washington. These computations, based upon the census figures of the different years, showed that the center of population was moving slowly eastward.

Private advices received at Washington announce that the Supreme Court of Tennessee has unanimously decided that the Governor cannot be impeached from office by a resolution of the Legislature, but that the Legislature can impeach him from office by a resolution of the Legislature.

It is quite evident that the Republican Senate has intended to confirm the nomination of Governor Thompson for Civil Service Commissioner. They are unable to fabricate any objection to Governor Thompson, but they are not willing to let him go without a fight.

"Fabricate" is good. Thompson's record is enough to condemn him. The Senate Committee has sufficient evidence before it to warrant the rejection of a nomination so manifestly unfit. The selection of a man who entered into a conspiracy to get his competitor for a gubernatorial race robbed by Bourbon outlaws, the success of which was only frustrated by a few determined men more honest than the majority of his party, for any office is a disgrace.

The Territorial bill has been agreed upon by both branches of Congress. It settles the admission of the two Dakotas under the names of North and South Dakota, and Washington and Montana. South Dakota will vote upon the Sioux Falls constitution May 14, and the same day North Dakota will vote upon the same. The bill will also delegate to a constitutional convention and for a full list of State officers.

In October the people will vote upon the constitution proposed by the convention and if adopted after the President's proclamation to that effect, the Governor of each State Legislature and Representatives to Congress in the four States. The Legislature in each may meet and elect two members each and these with the Representatives will take their seats in the United States Congress. This will give the Territories a full representation in the United States Congress.

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